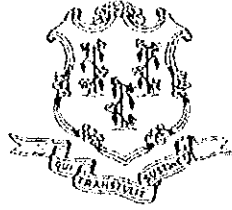


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SB 712 AN ACT NAMING THE SCALE HOUSE LOCATED IN MIDDLETOWN IN HONOR OF TROOPER KENNETH HALL

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

Senate Bill 712 proposes to honor Trooper Kenneth Hall, a Connecticut state trooper killed in the line of duty, by naming the Middletown scale house in his honor.

TFC Kenneth Hall was a 22-year-veteran of the Connecticut State Police and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He graduated from the State Police Academy on September 2, 1988 and was assigned to patrol duty at Troop L in Litchfield. He served the citizens of this state at Troop D, in Danielson, Troop E, in Montville and Eastern District Traffic Squad. He also worked in both the Central District Traffic and Traffic Services Unit. He served as an adjunct instructor at the Connecticut State Police Training Academy. During his State Police career, he was assigned to numerous specialized details including presidential visits, numerous VIP protection assignments, and other special events.

TFC Hall was well-respected in law enforcement and served as a role model for all State Troopers. He was highly trained and proficient in Commercial and Truck Enforcement on Connecticut highways.

On Thursday, September 2, 2010, Trooper Kenneth Hall was killed when his patrol car was struck as he was issuing a summons on Interstate 91, in the town of Enfield. Trooper Hall was stopped behind a tractor trailer, with his emergency lights activated, and was seated in his patrol car writing a summons for an infraction he was enforcing on behalf of the citizens of this state. While seated in his vehicle, his car was struck by a passing vehicle, a Dodge pickup truck. The impact crushed the Ford Crown Victoria and pushed it into the commercial truck's trailer. The Dodge pickup then sideswiped the commercial truck.

Trooper Hall was trapped inside his vehicle for more than 45 minutes. Trooper Kenneth Hall was transported to Baystate Medical Center, in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he died from his injuries. He is survived by his wife and four children.

In the one hundred and five year history of the Connecticut State Police, TFC Kenneth Hall is the fifteenth trooper that has been struck and killed by passing motorists.

Trooper Kenneth Hall unselfishly gave his life serving the citizens of Connecticut. The dedication of the Middletown scale house will remind the citizens of this state of Trooper Hall's loyalty to the state of Connecticut and show our honor and respect for his sacrifice.

Sincerely,



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COMMISSIONER